KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST 31374 US Hwy 2 Libby, MT 59923 Forest Supervisor's Order

CLOSURE ORDER – AREA, ROAD, & TRAIL RESTRICTIONS FIRE ACTIVITY

For Public Safety the National Forest System Lands, Roads, & Trails in the Vicinity of the Scotchman Peak Recommended Wilderness Area and Berray Mountain Lookout are closed to public use and travel due to current fire activity.

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands administered by the Kootenai National Forests in Sanders County, Montana as depicted on the attached map as **Exhibit A**, and herby incorporated into the order. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations and become effective at 0001 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time on Sunday, August 16, 2015 and will remain in effect until rescinded.

36 CFR 261.52 – Fire. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited:

Going into or being upon an area. [36 CFR 261.52(e)]

36 CFR 261.53 – Special Closures When provided in an order, it is prohibited to go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of:

Public health or safety. [36 CFR 261.53(e)]

36 CFR 261.54 – National Forest System Roads. When provided by an order, the following are prohibited:

Being on the road. [36 CFR 261.54(e)]

36 CFR 261.55 – National Forest System Trails. When prohibited by an order issued in accordance with Sec. 261.50 of this subpart, the following are prohibited on a National Forest System trail:

Being on the trail. [36 CFR 261.55(a)]

Description of Area Restricted to National Forest Access

For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to be on any National Forest System Land, Roads, or Trails within: Township 26N Range 33W Sections 3 and 4; and Township 26N Range 34W Sections 19, 30, and 31; and Township 26N Range 35W Sections 25 and 36; and Township 27N Range 31W Section 1; and Township 27N Range 32W Sections 1, 6, 7, 18, and 19; and Township 27N Range 33W Sections 1-35; and Township 27N Range 34W Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 36; and Township 28N Range 31W Section 31; and Township 28N Range 32W Sections 1-12, 14-23, 25-36; and Township 28N Range 33W Sections 1, 12, 15, 16, and 20-36; and Township 28N Range 34W Section 36, Montana Principal Meridian; and Township 54N Range 3E Sections 34 and 35, Boise Meridian as shown in the attached maps and described below:

National Forest System Lands in the sections listed that lie west of US Hwy 56.

National Forest System Roads:

- Dry Creek Road 1118
- Pillick Flat Road 2702

National Forest System Trails:

- Dry Creek Trail 1020
- Hamilton Gulch Trail 1019
- Star Gulch Trail 1016
- Napoleon Gulch Trail 1035
- Pillick Ridge Trail 1036
- Blacktail Trail 997
- Big Eddy Trail 998

National Forest System Lands in the sections listed that lie east of US Hwy 56.

National Forest System Roads:

- Goat Rocks Road 2289
- Berray Mountain Road 2272

National Forest System Trails:

- Berray Mountain Trail 967
- Berray Mountain West Trail 1028
- Dad Peak Trail 987
- Devils Club Trail 996

National Forest System Roads that lie in the West Fork Elk Creek:

Jacks Gulch Road 430 above private land.

Exemptions:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this day: August 16, 2015.

CHRIS SAVAGE

Forest Supervisor

Kootenai National Forest

Penalty:

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Notification:

A copy of this order shall be posted as prescribed under 36 CFR 261.51.



